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Hongkong, July 4, 1905. 1810

Intimations.

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Pending the issue of a new Directory I shall be obliged if Subscribers will note the following names:—
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K26 AR WONG.
K21 BAILEY, W.S. & Co., Ship yard.
K18 DITTO.
K18 BLACKHEAD, F. & Co., Kowloon Godowns.
K23 CHINA BORNEO Co. Mills.
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K13 DOCK READING ROOM, Kowloon.
K22 GREEN ISLAND CEMENT Co., LD.
K16 HONGKONG & CHINA GAS Co., LD.
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K8 DITTO.
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K10 SANG CHEONG CHAN, Ship-yard.
K14 STANDARD OIL Co., Ltd. Chi Kok.
K12 THERMISTON STORES.
K19 WATSON, A. S. & Co., Kowloon Dispensary.
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W. L. CARTER, Manager.
Hongkong, September 23, 1905. 1820

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Hongkong, September 19, 1905. 1780

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REUTER, BROKELMANN & CO.
Hongkong, September 22, 1905. 1802

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FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.
Commencing
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CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.,
Hongkong Hotel Buildings.
Hongkong, September 23, 1905. 1809

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On and after MONDAY, the 18th September, 1905, the Depot in WYNDHAM STREET (DAIRY FARM DEPOT) will OPEN at 6.00 A.M. instead of 6.30 A.M.
Hongkong, September 14, 1905. 1678

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Business Notices.

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s.s. KINSHAW, 1,005 tons, Captain J. J. Loefer.
Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).
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Departures on Sundays at Noon. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.

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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m.

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Hongkong, September 6, 1904. 1634

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A. S. TUXFORD, Manager.
Hongkong, October 1, 1904. 1797

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AT MODERATE PRICES.
Hongkong, September 21, 1905. 1789

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Shareholders in the above Company who have not yet applied for the proportionate number of Shares of the New Issue to which they are entitled that unless same are taken up by OCTOBER 2nd, 1905, they will be forfeited.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
HARRY BYRNE, Manager.
Hongkong, September 19, 1905. 1779

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4420 for Seven Shares, numbered 39145/39151 in the above Company, standing in the name of Mrs. FRANCES HEATH ELDIDGE, having been Lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duplicate Certificate for the said Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificate unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company to be null and void.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.
Hongkong, September 22, 1905. 1798

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Hongkong, June 19, 1905. 97

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Hongkong, August 30, 1905. 1658

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Hongkong, November 3, 1904. 1985

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Hongkong, June 21, 1905. 1151

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\$13.00
Per Case of 4 Dozen Quarts.
Hongkong, September 24, 1905. 2110

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GENERAL MANAGERS
Hongkong, March 7, 1905. 2553

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Hongkong, September 9, 1905. 1086

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Hongkong, July 15, 1905. 1411

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1905.

THE "MIKASA" DISASTER.

Another Account.

The opinion is becoming strengthened that the battleship "Mikasa" was sunk as the result of an accident says the *Japan Chronicle*. The place where the war-ship is lying in the harbour of Sasebo is six fathoms deep, and as the depth of the battleship below the water line is 27 feet, the upper works are therefore above water. According to information so far received, the damage to the ship is not so serious as at first reported, and it is expected that she will be fully serviceable when raised and repaired. The explanation given for the heavy loss of life is that the men on board in time of fire have great difficulties in escaping, as they have to make their way from below by narrow passages. At a time of peril they are almost entombed, and in case of fire are liable to be suffocated by smoke. It is supposed that the bodies of most of those who perished are now in the sunken vessel.

In a report to the headquarters of the Constitutional Association, Mr. Watanabe, Mayor of Sasebo, who is also a Constitutional member of the Diet, emphatically denies the rumour that the disaster to the "Mikasa" was the result of any action on the part of disaffected men.

The *Osaka Mainichi* publishes the following account of the fire on the "Mikasa" as related by an eyewitness:—

At about 20 minutes after midnight on the 16th instant, the muffled sound of an explosion was heard in the harbour of Sasebo, and heavy smoke and flames were seen rising. It was soon known that a warship was on fire, and great excitement prevailed in the town, but nothing could be done, as the harbour is strictly closed against the public. It was soon learned that the ship on fire was the flag-ship "Mikasa," and this naturally increased the public excitement. The flag-ship entered the port on the 8th instant, together with the "Fuji," "Asahi," "Shikishima," and "Kasagi," and the flag-ship was lying abreast of the battleship "Sagami" (formerly the Russian "Peresviet"). Captain Iijima, in command of the "Mikasa," could be seen on the bridge directing the operations of his men for extinguishing the fire. Assistance quickly went from all the other ships in the harbour, and efforts were made in vain to discover the place where the fire had originated. The heavy black smoke which was rising from the bottom in thick clouds seriously interfered with the operations of the men. Shortly before 2 o'clock a tremendous explosion shook the town and the "Mikasa" at once began to settle. In a few moments the monster ship was resting on the harbour bottom.

So violent was the explosion that policemen on a steam-launch near by was knocked into the water by the vibration. Fortunately the launch "Kohomaru" was present in the harbour at the time, and the wounded were promptly attended to. Captain Iijima escaped unhurt.

From the above account it would seem that an explosion preceded the fire, which, with the report that heavy black smoke accompanied the outbreak, would seem to support the theory that the fire was due to the spontaneous combustion of gun-cotton.

The result of the Belfast election is Sir Daniel Dixon, Unionist 4,440, Mr. Walker, Labour 3,965. This is to fill the place of Mr. Haslett deceased.

CURED OF CONSTIPATION.

AN ENGINEER PRAISES BILE BEANS.

If tea continues to be brewed in a teapot in which the exhausted leaves are allowed to remain, the liquor will be rank and unwholesome. The result will grow steadily worse, and the tea-pot will at length become quite unfit for use until it has been thoroughly cleansed and purified. If refuse has accumulated in the human system through the occurrence of constipation, the whole body is rendered foul and unhealthy. Constipation and its results are speedily removed by Bile Beans. Mr. S. P. Wrentham, electrical engineer, 4, Mace Street, Southwick, Birmingham, England, says: "I found in the course of my profession that when I went to a fresh town or district, the altered climate had a very lowering and depressing effect upon me. When I got to some place for a short time I suffered from constipation, depression and sleeplessness, and got run down generally. During the day I had a hopeless feeling and a desire to lie down all the time, though even that was a trouble, and then at night I could not go to sleep at all."

The many pills I tried never gave me any benefit, until one day a little booklet was brought to the door describing the benefits a number of people had received through taking Bile Beans for Biliousness, so I sent for a bottle. In a couple of days I felt a little better, and at the end of a week I was cured, and completely too, for I have never been troubled with the feelings since. I have never felt better than I do at present, and I cannot speak too highly of Bile Beans. I have given a box of them away to neighbours, who tell me they have received a lot of good. In fact, I have not heard a word against them yet. I shall always keep a bottle by me, and will recommend them to everybody who suffers, for they have done me so much good that I feel it only right others should know of them."

Bile Beans are a cure for Indigestion, debility, biliousness, constipation, sleeplessness, depression, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism, and all ailments arising from a disordered stomach. Obtainable from all chemists and medicine vendors. Price 70 cents (Mex.) per bottle.

THE OWL, GRILL & OYSTER ROOM.

COOKING done by a European Cook. ALL KINDS OF LIQUOR served with Meals. Special Rates to Monthly Boarders. No. 51, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, March 14, 1905.

HOTEL METROPOLE.

THE FAVOURITE AND POPULAR SUMMER RESORT. UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT. SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION. Only Leading Brands of Liquors kept. Everything sold true to name and label. Drought Beer drawn from the Wood. BILLIARDS AND OTHER SPORTS. PRIVATE DINNERS A SPECIALITY. J. H. NEWBOLD, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 1, 1905.

ESPECIAL OLD TOM GIN.

MARSHALL AND ELVY'S SATINETTE (REGISTERED) DOUBLY DISTILLED AND OF MATURED AGE. TO BE OBTAINED FROM—

THE MUTUAL STORES.

DES VŒUX ROAD. Hongkong, May 17, 1905.

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LONG, HING & CO., 17, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, August 10, 1905.

DINNEFORD'S

The Universal Remedy for Acidity of the Stomach, Headache, Heartburn, Indigestion, Sour Eructations, Bilious Affections.

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MAIL STEAMER DEPARTURES.

The following table is a chronologically arranged list of mail steamer sailings to Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. Coast ports, Manila, and Japan are not given, for steamers are constantly sailing for those ports. All the American steamers call at Japan, and the majority of the Australian boats call at Manila, and in addition to those vessels, special steamers run there. The departure of every steamer is subject to alteration. The P. & O. mails usually reach London in about 28 days, and the French and German in about 28 or 30 days.

DEP.	STEAMER	DESTINATION	MAIL DUE LONDON	DUE
Sept. 27	G. M. S. Reon	Bremen	Sept. 1	Nov. 7
Oct. 3	M. M. Polynesia	Batavia	Nov. 4	Nov. 11
Oct. 7	P. & O. Nubia	Hamburg	Nov. 4	Nov. 11
Oct. 11	G. M. S. Bayern	Hamburg	Nov. 4	Nov. 11

DEP.	STEAMER	DESTINATION	MAIL DUE LONDON	DUE
Oct. 18	C. P. R. Empress of China	Vancouver	Nov. 23	
Nov. 1	do. Athenian	do.	Dec. 21	
Nov. 15	do. Empress of India	do.	Jan. 1906	
Nov. 29	do. Tartar	do.	Jan. 18	
Dec. 13	do. Empress of Japan	do.	Feb. 16	
1906	do.	do.	Feb. 16	
Jan. 10	do. Empress of China	do.	Mar. 15	
Jan. 24	do. Athenian	do.	Oct. 12	
Feb. 7	do. Empress of India	do.		
Feb. 21	do. Tartar	do.		
Mar. 7	do. Empress of Japan	do.		

DEP.	STEAMER	DESTINATION	DUE
1905			
Oct. 2	P. M. S. Siberia	San Francisco	Oct. 24
Oct. 6	P. M. S. Mongolia	do.	Nov. 14
Oct. 17	P. M. S. China	do.	Nov. 18
Oct. 30	P. & O. Doris	do.	Dec. 5
Nov. 7	P. M. S. Manchuria	do.	Dec. 19
Nov. 21	P. M. S. Korea	do.	Dec. 29
Dec. 1	O. & O. Optie	do.	

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Oct. 4	E. & A. Australian	Sydney	Oct. 25
Oct. 6	C. N. China	do.	Oct. 29
Oct. 17	C. N. S. Prinz Waldemar	do.	Nov. 8
Oct. 30	C. N. S. Prinzess Alice	do.	Nov. 22
Nov. 1	E. & A. Empire	do.	Dec. 6
Nov. 6	G. M. S. Prinz Sigismund	do.	Dec. 16
Nov. 23	C. N. Teian	do.	Dec. 20
Nov. 28	E. & A. Eastern	do.	

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LAND FOR SALE. I. L. No. 117. MOUNT KELLET, PEAK. THIS Piece of Land is suitable for building a European house with Tennis Courts, and commands a fine View of Harbour. Apply to SANG LEE & CO., Contractor, No. 59, Des Vœux Road Central, 1st Floor. Hongkong, July 22, 1905. 1402

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 28th September, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (Recently occupied by Messrs LANE, KILGOUR & CO.) A QUANTITY OF FINEST SUEDE, WOOLLEN UNDERWEAR, WHITE SHIRTS, STRAW HATS, and TOPHATS, BROWN BOOTS, GLASSWARE, CHOCOLATES, BANANAS, PHONOGRAPH, MUSICAL BOXES, MUSIC, etc., etc.; Also, SUNDRIES SHIP CHANDLERY, LOCKS, BOLTS and HOOKS. On View from day of Sale. Terms:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, September 23, 1905. 1812

PUBLIC AUCTION. Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 2nd day of October, 1905, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND on South side of Kennedy Road and East of Ship Street in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by Valuation of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurements	Annual Rent	Interest
1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	50	1.25
2	100 ft. by 100 ft.	50	1.25
3	100 ft. by 100 ft.	50	1.25
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PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of October, 1905, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at No. 25, LYNDHURST TERRACE, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS; MARBLED-MADE WARDROBES WITH BEVELLED MIRRORS; TEAK BUREAUX WITH BEVELLED MIRRORS; MARBLED WARDROBES WITH TEAK BACK; MARBLED-MADE BEVELLED OVERMANTLES; TEAK BOOKCASES WITH CYPRESS DOORS; WRITING DESKS WITH BEVELLED MIRRORS; BEDROOM SITES, TOILET SETS; VASES AND ORNAMENTS, &c. BATHROOM REQUISITES. Also, A Quantity of ELECTRIC LIGHT FITTINGS; and 1 COTTAGE PIANO by M. F. Rachals & Co. 1 COTTAGE PIANO by Rosenkrantz. Terms:—As Auctioneer. On View from Saturday, 30th September, 1905. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, September 25, 1905. 1822

PUBLIC AUCTION. MR GEORGE P. LAMBERT has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 9th October, 1905, at 3 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, the following VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY Situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, namely:—All that Piece of Parcel of Ground situated at Victoria aforesaid, registered in the Land Office, as Section A of Inland Lot No. 1465, Area 1967 square feet or thereabout; term 999 years; Annual Ground Rent \$77.90 together with the messuage thereon known as No. 49, CAINE ROAD, Victoria aforesaid. For further particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagees, or to GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong. Dated the 20th day of September, 1905. 1793

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His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Albatross	dispatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Comdr. Richard M. Harbord	Weihaiwei
Andromeda	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	16,500	Capt. R. N. Ommanney	Weihaiwei
Araucario	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. R. Henniker-Heaton	Shanghai
Astrea	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	8000	Captain L. G. Tufnell	Weihaiwei
Bonaventura	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	7000	Capt. H. H. Torlesse	Yangtze
Calypso	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Luard	Hongkong
Chorub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	—	Yangtze
Clia	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. D. Wilkin, D.S.O.	Weihaiwei
Doa	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. H. E. Sullivan, R.N.	Weihaiwei
Dittom	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	16,500	Lt.-Comdr. R. H. Bathar	Weihaiwei
Drac	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. Lewis	Weihaiwei
Eco	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. A. F. Everett	Weihaiwei
Famo	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. Stevenson	Weihaiwei
Harty	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. J. May	Weihaiwei
Hela	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Com. Richards	Hongkong
Hoguo	Special Torpedo-vessel	6400	—	2400	Capt. E. F. B. Charlton	Weihaiwei
Iphigonia	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	31,000	Captain Shortland	Hongkong
Ithra	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Captain W. B. Fagelner	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. O. Seymour	Hongkong
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. W. R. Darwall	Yangtze
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. R. Dugmont	West River
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Comdr. F. B. Noble	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. J. Kiddle	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Comdr. C. E. Moore	West River
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Com. R. E. Vaughan	Hongkong
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Com. H. T. Atty	Singapore
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Yangtze
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Captain Wm. L. Grant	Hongkong
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Commodore Dicken	Hongkong
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. E. S. Scarsia	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. A. Gregory	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Comdr. R. W. Glanville	Weihaiwei
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Com. C. E. L. Thomas	Upper Yangtze
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Spicer-Simon	Upper Yangtze
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Com. C. W. Wrightson	Upper Yangtze
Kithra	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	7000	Lt.-Com. Jno. F. Kner	Upper Yangtze

* Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard H. Noel, Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Station
Aspern	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7300	Capt. Friedrich Grunenberg	Singapore
Aspern	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	20	8000	Captain Miri Prans	Shanghai
Asheron	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lt. Ferret	Salgar
Argus	French gunboat	120	—	600	Lt. Jeanne	Batavia
Avalanche	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Salgar
Baionnette	French gunboat	—	—	150	—	Salgar
Caracato	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Salgar
Cassiope	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Salgar
Comete	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Salgar
Decidie	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Salgar
Desarces	French cruiser	3950	31	9500	Comdr. Amel	Salgar
D'Assas	French cruiser	303	7	3000	Lt. Comdr. Corani	Salgar
Eclat	French destroyer	303	7	3000	Lt. Comdr. Jechene	Salgar
Francisque	French destroyer	303	7	3000	Captain Ridoix	Salgar
Frederic	French cruiser	303	7	3000	—	Salgar
Georgon	French cruiser	303	7	3000	—	Salgar
Guichen	French gunboat	300	6	308	Lt. Comdr. Porter	Salgar
Henri Riviere	French gunboat	300	6	308	Lt. Comdr. Colouze	Salgar
Jacquin	French gunboat	300	6	308	Comdr. Sagot-Davaux	Salgar
Javeline	French destroyer	1250	6	2200	Comdr. Simon	Salgar
Kersaint	French cruiser	300	6	308	Lt. Comdr. Armbruster	Salgar
Lynx	French sub-marine	970	12	19,400	—	Salgar
Montcalm	French cruiser	300	6	308	Lt. Comdr. Pra	Salgar
Mosquet	French destroyer	300	6	308	Capt. Grellicre	Salgar
Orly	French gunboat	300	6	308	Lt. Comdr. Luvier	Salgar
Pelito	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lt. Comdr. Reimach Werth	Salgar
Pistole	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lt. Comdr. Gloroux	Salgar
Portes	French sub-marine	9437	8	6071	—	Salgar
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Avenue Paul Brunet, Shanghai, to Mr and
Mrs R. T. Phillips, a Daughter.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per Arratoon Apar undelivered
after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, September 22.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Flannel Shirts,
&c., at No. 38, Queen's Road Central.
Goods per Canton undelivered after
this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, September 23.—
11 a.m.—Government Bills received by
Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Depart-
ment.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St An-
drew's Society in City Hall.
Goods per Persia undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, September 30.—
Noon—Meeting of Wm. Powell, Ltd.,
at O.C.'s Premises.
9.15 p.m.—Promenade Concert on the
Volunteer Band Ground.
Goods per Peru undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, October 2.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the
Public Works Department's Offices.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's
Sales Rooms.
Goods per Ghent undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, October 9.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property
at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales
Room.
Transfer Books of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., close from this
date to 19th October inclusive.

THURSDAY, October 13.—
Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1905.

LABOUR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

NOTWITHSTANDING the heated negative
declaration of Mr Secretary Taft when
recently asked by a representative of
the CHINA MAIL if he did not think it
would soon become necessary for the
Government of the Philippines to con-
sider the advisability of admitting Chinese
labourers into the islands, it appears
that a crisis in the labour supply market
is approaching. Long ago we predicted
that ultimately the American policy of
raising the wages of the Filipino
labourer to an abnormal extent
would land the Insular Govern-
ment and their American protégés
in grave difficulties. Those difficulties
are already beginning to appear. The
Filipino, finding he can secure higher
wages in building the roads for the
Government, deserts his agricultural
holdings, and allows plantations to get
along as best they may. Before the
American occupation he confined his
energies to the development of the soil.
He had nothing else to depend upon
and worked contentedly from morn till
night for about 35 cents per day. His
standard of living was adjusted to that
rate. He expected nothing more, and
brought up his family to entertain
no false notions with regard to their
future state. The consequence was
when some motives that are not quite
understandable to the man who has had
long tropical experience, prompted the
Americans to raise the wages of Fili-
pino employed in road-making and
other developmental work by about 500
per cent, a keen desire manifested itself
amongst the Filipinos for work under
Government aegis, and getting it they
forgot their old life of patient industry
and became shirkers and idlers in the
strictest sense of the term. Instead of
encouraging them to greater effort the
higher wages caused them to work shorter
hours. They did not raise their
standard of living, and finding that it
took far less work to earn what in the
old days it, midnight oil had to be
burned to obtain, they naturally work-
ed less, and have now been inoculated
with the serum of idleness to such good
purpose that these Americans who went
to the islands with the idea of making
fortunes out of plantations of different
kinds are finding themselves unable to
reap the profits that they were lead to
expect; owing to a scarcity of labour
and an artificial rate of wage that is
out of all proportion to the require-
ments of the labourer. This is now
being realised by some Manila people.
It has taken them a long time to waken
up to the fact, which was long ago
obvious to every other person familiar
with tropical life, but even yet they may
be able to stem the tide that is setting
in against profitable enterprise if they
subordinate pseudo-humanitarian con-
ceptions to the demands of the hour. It
is wrong in every respect to regard the

justice of the tropics as the equal of a
white man. That is what the Americans
in Manila pretend to do, and insistence
upon the 'little brown brother' policy
was the crowning error in their ruling of
a race that does not need sympathy or
understand it. The Filipino accepts
such condescension as a sign of weak-
ness, and promptly takes advantage of
it. This has been shown in many
directions, but more particularly in the
fields of labour. In a recent issue of
the *Cableman's* an editorial appeared
confessing to a realisation of what we
years ago prognosticated, that the Gov-
ernment had ruined the Filipino, and
now there was not enough labour to
develop the islands. That journal goes
on:—'It is a fact testified to by the
majority of those who have attempted
to carry on any enterprise here demand-
ing large numbers of workmen, that
labour is scarce and hard to get even
now. Whenever laborers are
wanted for work on roads or other im-
provements, then the haciendas and
plantations will suffer. It will not
matter whether it is during harvest or
at other times when laborers are indis-
pensable, the laborers will go where
they find the most congenial work and
possibly the highest pay. This drain
of workmen has already been felt by
those engaged in enterprises where
laborers are employed. When the work
was begun in Manila upon the street
car tracks, a slight advance in wages
was offered by the contractors, and it was
but a short time until nobody but the
street car company could hire laborers.
There was a novelty about the work that
fascinated the men and other industries
suffered more or less. Under such
conditions, it is easy to see what the
state of affairs will be in the labour
market in the provinces, when the
building of the railroads is begun. The
contractors who will lay the tracks and
prepare the roadbeds will get all the
men they need for the work, but the
situation of the planters and those
engaged in other industries will be
deplorable. During the time that the
proposed railroads are being built, it is
almost absolutely necessary that some
sort of a scheme for the importation of
labor be adopted. It is an indisputable
fact that if labour is scarce under
normal conditions in the sugar pro-
vinces, for example, under abnormal
conditions such as will exist while the
railroads are being built, it will be
next to impossible to harvest the crops
or even to plant them in the first place.
Whatever may be the attitude of the
Government on Chinese immigration as
a general proposition and under or-
dinary conditions in the islands, it
cannot but see that some sort of relief
will have to be provided for the in-
terests already vested here, to provide
against the drought of laborers which
is sure to come when such an unusual
draft is made on the available supply.
Then the journal goes on to advocate
what we have repeatedly suggested
should be done: 'Import Chinese
under indenture. No hardship would
be wrought to the native labourer by
the temporary importation of the
Chinese or Japanese. On the other
hand, untold good would flow from it,
not only to the proprietors of the lands
and the managers of the enterprises
needing laborers, but to the native
workmen as well. Every measure that
tends to increase the production of the
islands is a direct blessing to every
resident of the islands: whether he
realises the factor or not. This tardy
recognition of a fact is hopeful, and
if the men who rule in the Philippines
can only be brought to see the truth
of it a serious disorganization of in-
dustry may possibly be averted. An old
saw says, 'It is never too late to mend,'
but that does not apply to tropical
laborers. The Filipinos may be
pandered to just long enough to place
them entirely beyond redemption.'

At Shanghai Fitzgerald Bros. had an
'Aus ralian' night at their circus, when all
the members of the newly-formed Australia-
n Society were invited. Outlined in
swand in the ring were the words 'God
Bless Australia.' The proprietors might
have added, 'And Exterminate the Labour
Party.'

It has fallen to the lot of two ladies
to compete with the famous Louis de Ro-
mance in one of his own feats. The ladies
in question were Mrs. McEnroe and Mrs.
Darby who, according to the *North Borneo
Herald*, recently paid a visit to the lonely
Island of Tuguea. Amongst other adven-
tures there the ladies sat up one night to
watch for turtles and at midnight saw a
large one come out on to the sands.
When it was returning to the water Mrs.
Darby and then Mrs. McEnroe mount-
ed on its back and had a ride.

Bullock-drivers in Australia declare that
a team of bullocks cannot be got to work
unless violent abusive language is used
against them. According to Mr. Beavis,
at the Magistrate's, this afternoon sailors are
of a somewhat similar nature. He pleaded
to the Magistrate as an extenuating cir-
cumstance in a case of assault: 'Of course, as
your worship well knows, abusive language
addressed to sailors at sea is the only
language they understand.'

We have received a copy of the Philip-
pine Weather Bureau's Bulletin for April.
It is instructive as showing how exhaustively
matters meteorological and otherwise
are treated there. Details which would be
of the utmost value to our Observatory
were they received in time are given, and it
is to be deplored that the two observatories
are not working together as colleagues as
that information dealing with typhoons
in incipient stages could be cabled from
Manila and issued here on its merits. It
is time the Chamber of Commerce did
something to mend matters.

A recent Melbourne divorce case was a
weighty lesson in the art of love. The
husband, a bank clerk, was 27 when he
married a girl of 17. She was disappoint-
ed because his salary did not permit him to
keep a servant, but they got along more
or less lovingly for six months. Then, being
in a hurry, he rushed off to the bank one
morning without giving the little wife her
morning kiss, though he sang out 'Good-
bye.' When he reached home at night he
found her gone home to her mother, and
a note pinned to the mirror informed him
that 'I have not managed to make a
success of our married life. . . . The
way you left me this morning shows how
much you care for me.—Evel.' She
steadily refused to return, and afterwards
went 'housekeeping' with a gentleman in
Adelaide. So the bank clerk got his decree
nisi. Probably half the failures in marriage
are due to the first omission of that mor-
ning kiss. Also the evening and 'other-time'
kisses should not be neglected.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A woman named Abraham was sub-
mitted to Swedish cruelty at Shanghai on
September 22. She was partially disem-
bowed by a man whose name, she said,
was Michel, with whom she was in
partnership in a small shop.

Timely Fines.
The Magistrate, this morning, three
contractors were each fined \$250 for using
mortar below the required standard. The
mortar was tested and was found to be
unequal to any tensile strain.

Torture.
We are informed that the propaganda
for the abolition of judicial torture in China
is progressing steadily. The Japanese are
it is stated now getting interested in the
question. Sometime ago a leading Review
on Law and Jurisprudence published a
translation of the chapter of Beccaria, and
on the 4th September Mr Volpielli was
received by the Minister for Justice and
was promised some valuable statistics re-
lating to the abolition of torture in Japan
and Formosa.

A Reconstructed Firm.
In the Summary Jurisdiction of the
Supreme Court, this morning, before His
Honour Mr A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge,
the Tin Wo firm sued Leung Tann-Lai
for \$80, due on a promissory note given
to the plaintiffs by the defendant in part
consideration of balance overdrawn during
the time he was managing partner of the
plaintiff firm. Mr H. K. Holmes appeared
for plaintiffs and Mr Otto Kong Sing re-
presented the defendants. The promissory
note was admitted, but defendant raised
the plea that the plaintiff firm was non-
existent and that the note had not been
properly transferred to the firm suing on
it. After argument His Honour pointed
out that the plaintiff firm had been recon-
structed, but were still entitled to receive
the money, and he gave judgment to that
effect.

Dealing In Lottery Tickets.
Before Mr G. N. Orme, at the Magis-
trate's, this morning, two Chinese, one of
whom gave his occupation as that of a clerk
in the employ of Messrs Arnold Karberg
and Company, were charged with dealing in
Sharpin lottery tickets. Chief Detective
Inspector Hanson stated that he had
suspected the defendants of dealing in the
tickets, which were sold at 16 cents each
and were in connection with the lottery
mentioned, drawn at Canton. He person-
ally purchased a number of the tickets from
the first defendant. The first defendant
was employed by Messrs Arnold Karberg
and Company and had a seat on the first
floor upstairs. While he (the first) was
talking to him the second defendant, who
did not know the object of his visit, came
in and handed a chip over the table which
proved to be an application for tickets. The
first defendant made two cents on each
ticket that he sold, besides a commission on
the prizes which any of his clients might
draw. He had \$27.43 in his draw, together
with some papers relating to the lottery,
which probably represented money made
by the sale of tickets. The first defendant
was fined \$200 and the second \$30.

THE industrious mechanic finds Steam-
Wine of Cod Liver Oil to be of great
help to him. It restores and preserves his
good health, supports his strength and
energy, and thereby makes his work less
irksome.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A Hongkong resident down at Macao
reports two severe shocks of earthquake on
Monday morning early. They created
great excitement.

Stolen Sugar.
The case in which five coolies were
charged with stealing sugar from Messrs
Jardine Matheson and Company's wharf
was concluded, at the Magistrate's, this
morning. The evidence given against the
defendants was to the effect that while the
sugar was being unloaded to the wharf the
second and third defendants came ashore
in a boat bringing with them a quantity of
sugar corresponding to that which was
being unloaded. The first defendant was
in charge of a yacht in the vicinity and
volunteered to assist in carrying the sugar
ashore. The first defendant was fined \$30
and the other four discharged.

Departing.
Amongst the passengers by the Ger-
man mail steamer "Roon," which sails
to-morrow, will be Madame L. B. Musso,
until lately administratrix of one of Hong-
kong's oldest firms—that of D. Musso and
Company. Madame Musso has been a
resident of the Colony for upwards of 30
years and since her husband's death, about
nine years ago, occupied the position of
head of the firm with which he was
connected. The firm of D. Musso and
Company has now been wound up and the
godowns, etc., have been taken over by a
Chinese company. By the same steamer
also departs Mr U. Nervagna, formerly
local Consul for Italy, for his ancestral
estates in Italy.

Australian Anti Opium Crusade.
The Chinese of the Commonwealth
are not at all pleased with Mr Diakin's at-
titude in regard to the opium question, and
contend that the fact that petitions bearing
close upon a quarter of a million signatures
have already been presented praying for
the absolute prohibition of all opium other
than for medicinal purposes, is a mandate to
the Federal Government to take action in
that direction. The fact that a law exists
in Queensland prohibiting opium smoking
is cited as an instance of what can
be expected if only the States take action.
In that State it was found an utter impos-
sibility to put down opium smoking so long as
the Commonwealth permitted opium to
come in, and the State Government
thereupon decided to permit the sale
by other persons than chemists, with the
result that opium smoking is rampant
amongst Chinese, karakas, aborigines, and
Europeans. The Chinese do not, however,
propose to let the matter drop, and after
holding a series of meetings throughout the
whole of the States, will again approach the
Federal Government. They contend that
the only remedy for the vice is the absolute
prohibition of the article entering the
Commonwealth, and the proposed meetings
will have for their object united action by
all sections of the community in this
direction.

The Royal Biograph.

An entertainment which we recom-
mend our readers to witness is that pro-
vided by the Royal Biograph Company. The
tent in which this is given is situated oppo-
site to the Central Market and although
not of very pretentious appearance houses
a show that is well worth visiting. The
biograph is conducted by Mr F. Neuman
who has a fine collection of pictures, and
on Saturday night gave an exhibition be-
fore a large audience. The pictures shown
included scenes in the Russo-Japanese
war, land and sea escapes, street scenes from
Shanghai and India, and many others of a
humorous and interesting character. The
war pictures were most realistic and in
watching them the spectator sees war with
all its tragedies, being waged as clearly as
though he had witnessed some of the most
desperate conflicts around Port Arthur and
in Manchuria. The taking of a fort by the
over victorious Japanese was one of the
best of the pictures and worked the audience
up to a pitch of considerable excitement
which was later damped, however, by
showing the other side of war—the dead
and wounded on the field, the latter
being attended to by the members of the
Red Cross Society and removed to the
field hospital. To turn to the less gruesome
pictures, those representing a passenger
steamer at sea were amongst the most
acceptable. A heavy sea was shown to be
running, but the steamer rode the waves as
well as to make the onlooker long to be on
board. In conclusion it is only just to
state that the pictures are well arranged
and displayed, and with a minimum of the
obnoxious effects which are generally
associated with this class of picture and
found so trying to the eyes.

WHY be lony, angular and weakly
when you may as well be plump,
racy and robust? Stearns' Wine of Cod
Liver Oil is a great flesh producer. You
can use nothing better, in connection with
wholesome food to increase your weight.

South African Carpenter Cured by
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera
and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Mr Geo. Taylor, a carpenter at Port
Elizabeth, Cape Colony, who had a
very bad attack of cramp colic and dysen-
tery, says: 'I was so bad I had to go to
bed, when a friend of mine gave me two
doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
Diarrhoea Remedy and I got better at once.'
The third dose completely cured me. I am
never without it now. This remedy is for
sale by All Dealers. WATSON & CO.,
Limited, General Agents.

Another Typhoon.

The Manila Observatory reports to
Colonel-General Briggs under date of Sept.
25, 4 p.m.:—'Typhoon approaching East
Samar.'

Furniture Sale.

A sale of valuable household furni-
ture, at No. 25 Lyndhurst Terrace, will be
conducted by Mr G. P. Lammett, auction-
eer, on Monday, October 2, commencing at
2.30 p.m. The goods will be open to
inspection from September 30.

La Poulpe.

La Poulpe, that excellent comic opera
which the Bandman Comic Opera com-
pany played with such effect when here-
last will be given to-night. Residents who
witnessed the performance last time declare
it to be one of the finest they have seen,
and as the Company only play for one
night on this occasion, those who desire
to see the piece should visit the Theatre
Royal. The company arrived from Manila,
where they had an excellent season, on the
'Rubi.'

The Birthday of Confucius.

Though for centuries past Confucian
doctrines have been eagerly accepted in
China nothing special has been done by the
Chinese people to commemorate their great
Sage. This year certainly marks a special
stop of progress. All the local Chinese
newspapers, which have been the medium
for introducing reforms and have played a
prominent part in reforming conservative
China in recent years, have to-day, the 27th
of the 8th moon, closed for a holiday in
commemoration of the 2456th anniversary
of the birth of Confucius.

China Opening up Manchuria.

The Chinese Government has complet-
ed investigations regarding the opening to
trade of the Three Eastern Provinces, and
has decided that in addition to Mukden,
Antung, and Tientsin, which are to be
opened by the stipulations of the treaties
made with Japan and Great Britain (Amer-
ica), Kirin, Ninguts, Kingchun, Holant-
fog, and Tsaitshar will be opened.
China has telegraphically ordered E.H.
Hu Wei-shih, (China Minister at St.
Petersburg) to open up negotiations with
the Russian Government for the opening of
Vladivostok as commercial port.—N.C.
Daily News.

A Serious Accident.

A serious blasting accident occurred at
Bay View on the 24th, instant, in con-
nection with which the contractor carrying out
the work there has been summoned for not
taking proper precautions to ensure the
public safety. It appears that on the date
in question a shot was fired by the workmen
and a large stone was blown into the air which
in falling struck the roof of a neighbouring
house and going through it and a window
struck a Chinese woman, who was seated
inside, on the hip. She was badly bruised
and had to be taken to the hospital where
her injuries had yesterday assumed such a
serious nature that her leg had to be
amputated.

Fight With a Blind Man.

A quarrel occurred at West Point yester-
day between a foreman coolie and a pro-
fessional mendicant, which resulted in the
former being dangerously wounded. The
beggar, who is blind, occupied a room at
No. 51, High Street, and yesterday the
coolie went to him to collect his rent and
failing to get it told the beggar to clear out.
The beggar became annoyed at this, and the
foreman having struck him on the face, the
beggar picked up a chisel and laid the
coolie's side open with it, and, as the coolie
retreated, inflicted two further wounds on
his back. Both men were taken to the
Government Civil Hospital where the coolie
was found to be seriously injured, and will
require medical attention for some time.
The blind man, in the doctor's opinion, is
malingering, as he is unable to find any
serious wounds on him and he will be charged
with inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Drove Nails in his Head.

A story of a novel method of commit-
ting suicide comes from North Borneo.
The *North Borneo Herald* says that the
Assistant Comptroller of the a.s. "Man-
sang" on the 16th ult., was discovered in
the ship's hold in the act of hammering a
nail into his head. On the finger examin-
ing this would be suicide, he saw that two
French nails had been hammered into the
back of the head, which were removed by
a pair of pliers with considerable difficulty.
One nail was 2 1/2 inches in length and
rusty, the other a smaller one and fairly
clean. The patient was taken to the Civil
Hospital for treatment. Major Holman,
D.S.O., assisted by Mr Wing Wan, put the
patient under chloroform with a view to
trepanning, but he nearly died under chloro-
form and was rescued by artificial respi-
ration. An attempt was again made the
next morning to chloroform the patient with
the same result, therefore the operation was
not performed. The patient is now walk-
ing about and on the road to recovery.

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A SEA RAID.

JAPANESE ATTACK A RUSSIAN SHIP.

Occupation of Russian Islands.

LONDON, September 25. Telegrams from St. Petersburg state that intelligence has been received there to the effect that the Japanese have seized a steamer belonging to the Kamchatka Trading Company.

The seizure is said to have taken place near the Behring Island, portion of the Commander (Komandorski) Group, east of Kamchatka Peninsula.

The Japanese are further reported to have subsequently occupied the islands, but the date of the occurrence is not mentioned.

RUSSIA'S AMBITIONS.

TURKISTAN COVETED.

Unwanted Activity.

LONDON, September 25. Russia's activity with regard to Turkistan shows signs of increasing. The military districts of Kief and Odessa have received orders to prepare for the immediate despatch of troops, and these orders are being carried out.

DE WITTE IN GERMANY.

TO VISIT THE KAISER.

LONDON, September 25. M. de Witte has interviewed Baron von Rietthofen, German Minister for Foreign Affairs, at Berlin.

The Kaiser will receive a visit from M. de Witte at Rominen on Tuesday.

THE FLEETS OF THE ALLIES.

TO MEET IN TOKIO BAY.

LONDON, September 25. The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph states that after the peace treaty has been ratified by Russia and Japan, the British and Japanese fleets will meet in Tokio Bay.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

An Amicable Termination.

LONDON, September 24. The Karlstad conference has terminated, and it is officially announced that an agreement has been reached; protocols will be published next week, in Christiania and Stockholm simultaneously; orders have been given to the Norwegian and Swedish troops to withdraw from the frontier.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The King's Desires.

King Francis Joseph, desiring to make a final attempt to restore a constitutional regime in Hungary, has summoned to Vienna the leaders of the opposition, who form the majority of the Diet, and requested them to form a Cabinet, but His Majesty has positively declined to entertain any modification affecting the union of Austria and Hungary, or the army, and has warned them earnestly of the responsibility they will incur if they adhere obstinately to the old standpoint.

The King has refused to see Count Goluchowski because he is not a Hungarian, and Count Ciskay has therefore been appointed to conduct negotiations.

BRITISH IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

New Naval Bases.

The acquisition of the Tanjong Pagar Docks at Singapore forms a part of Admiral Sir John Fisher's Imperial defence scheme, which also comprises the establishment of naval bases at Gibraltar, Dover, and Singapore and the abandonment of Wei-Hai-Wei, Trincomalee, H-Kei, and Equatorial.

The Observer announces that the establishment of a naval base at Singapore practically fulfils a part of the new Anglo-Japanese agreement for mutual self-protection.

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THE PEKING BOMB OUTRAGE.

COMMISSIONERS' JOURNEY POSTPONED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, September 26.

A telegram has been received here to the effect that in consequence of the bomb outrage at Peking railway station (as reported by the CHINA MAIL yesterday) the Chinese Commissioners selected to go abroad have cancelled their passages.

The journey is indefinitely postponed.

CREW VERSUS OFFICERS.

Trouble on the "Andromeda."

Before Mr F. A. Hazland, at the Magistracy, this afternoon, Edward Nymann and eight others of the crew of the sailing ship "Andromeda" proceeded against Captain Deekes on a summons charging him with using abusive language towards them on the high seas. The first, second, and third officers were also summoned by the crew for using abusive language towards them, and for assault.

The men, it will be remembered, were sentenced to ten days' gaol by the Harbour Master for disobeying the captain's lawful commands. When before the Marine Court the men complained of bad treatment on the part of the Captain and officers and were told that they could bring an action if they wished.

Mr C. F. Dixon appeared to prosecute, and Mr C. E. H. Beavis was for defence.

The charges of using abusive language against the captain and second officer were withdrawn, by Mr Dixon, and evidence was given on the charge of assault against the second officer (Parkes).

Mr Beavis applied to His Worship for such recompense for the captain as he might think fit for the trouble and inconvenience he had been put to in the matter. He considered the charge of using abusive language was a trivial one. As his Worship well knew abusive language, addressed to sailors at sea, was the only language they understood. It was very difficult to say what was abusive language in such circumstances. His Worship did not think he could make any allowance.

Mr Dixon in outlining the case said that the defendant (Parkes) was second officer of the "Andromeda" and the complainants A. B's. The assaults complained of took place while the ship was on her way from New York to Hongkong. He left New York on May 11th and arrived here on September 3rd, so that altogether the voyage lasted nearly four months. During the whole of that time the complainants were systematically and persistently bullied by the officers, the defendant and others. The captain was applied to for protection by the men but instead of giving it he encouraged the assaults. He would call evidence to prove that repeated assaults had been committed and encouraged by the Captain. On arrival here the men wanted to come ashore and report their complaints to the authorities but were refused leave and were indeed practically kept prisoners for several days.

They were not allowed to come on shore until they refused to work and were then charged before the Marine Magistrate. The Harbour Master sentenced them to ten days' gaol and said that the men had a certain amount of cause for refusing duty and in consequence he dealt lightly with their case.

The evidence of Sylvester Rooney, one of the complainants, was to the effect that while he was on the yard arm and struck him because he could not get some of the ropes clear quickly enough. He was hit with such force that he nearly fell overboard and then the defendant tried to push him overboard. Rooney would also say that on another occasion the second officer struck him with his fist and cut his eye open. Both of these assaults were committed in the presence of several of the crew.

On another occasion Hammerberg, another complainant, was playing several blows by the second officer. Hammerberg was steering the ship and the defendant came up and said that he was keeping her too close up to the wind and the sails were flapping. Defendant then began mending sails and had a "palm" in his hand and when he struck the sail he cut his face open and caused it to bleed very freely and rendered him almost unconscious. The captain witnessed this assault and encouraged it saying "let him have it."

His Worship would see that during the whole of the voyage the men had been very badly treated by the officers. The men now wished to be freed from their contracts as they considered they were not safe with such officers and a captain who had no sympathy with the men's complaints. In addition to this fear the men did not consider their lives were safe on board. They would say that coming out the captain and officers were frequently playing cards together in the chart house, leaving no one on the bridge to look after the vessel. On May 28 while in the North East Trade they nearly ran another vessel down when there was no one in charge.

Evidence as outlined was then called. In defence the captain denied that the assaults had been committed. He said that he had never witnessed an assault by the defendant on any of the complainants and had not heard of any. He regarded the charges as a conspiracy between the men to get away from the ship in order that they might go to Manila and ship to San Francisco. An application was made to the court that he did not see or hear of the defendant assaulting any of the crew during the voyage.

Mr Hazland said that the onus of proof was on the complainants. He was not at all satisfied that the assault took place and that being so the defendant was discharged.

SMUGGLING AMMUNITION INTO CHINA.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, September 25.

On the 22nd instant, a force of the "Chun King Braves" proceeded to a private residence at Fza Koo Lane and marched away with a certain person named Cheung. It is reported that the arrest is in connection with the sale of ammunition. Information has been received by the Police Department that recently large shipments of arms and ammunition were imported by certain secret societies. In the beginning of the month Admiral Li Chun was in receipt of advice that 200 rifles were safely transported into the interior, and that another 4000 rifles were on the way. In consequence of this, strict orders have been given to the Police force to arrest all suspicious characters.

A CHINESE PLENIPOTENTIARY.

Returning from India.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, September 25.

Since writing yesterday, I learned from most reliable sources that His Excellency Tong Shu Yu, who was despatched by the Chinese Government to India to negotiate with the British Government with regard to the Tibet Convention, is returning, and that he is expected in Canton at no very distant date.

The reason assigned for his return is rumoured that Tong met with immense difficulties in conducting the negotiations, and the Peking Government thereupon wired Tong to return for a conference.

It may be remembered that Tong is Minister-elect for England. Not very long ago, Minister Lian telegraphed to the Waiwapa that his term of office had expired and an Imperial Edict was issued appointing Tong to proceed to London to relieve Lian.

Tong however, telegraphed a reply to say that pending the conclusion of the Tibet Convention, he was unable to leave, but nevertheless, upon receipt of the message, the Peking Government wired Tong to proceed to London without further delay and settle the Tibet affairs there direct.

Now that Tong is returning to China it is impossible to predict what may be the actual reason, and who would be the likely person to represent China in the Court of St. James.

SPORTING.

Rowing.

V. R. G. SCRATCH RACES.

The Victoria Recreation Club will hold their first rowing races of the season on Wednesday, October 11, when a four-oared scratch race and a sculling event will be decided. The crews for the four-oared race were selected by the chosen captains yesterday evening, and are as follows:

No. 1. "Shamrock": L. A. Musso (Captain), J. C. Grahame, J. S. Holmes and M. J. W. Pearson. No. 2. "Rose": J. A. S. Alves (Captain), J. W. Bains, A. V. Barros and H. C. Sayer. No. 3. "Thistle": T. E. Pearce (Captain), F. M. Rosa Pereira, J. M. Rosa Pereira and T. A. Griffiths. No. 4. "Kormoran": C. E. H. Hance (Captain), F. W. Pearson, O. R. Chunnott and A. J. V. Belfiore.

R. H. K. YACHT CLUB.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will hold a scratch race on October 7, in which six crews will take part. The number of entries for this event is an indication of the growing strength of this Club. Two years ago the Club could only muster four crews from among its members; last year no scratch races were held, presumably from want of men, but this year six good crews have been selected. Of the six crews, even more could have been put in if necessary. The membership list of the R. H. K. Y. C. has a number of names added to it since the amalgamation and the rowing section is more vigorous now than ever it was. The large number of gentlemen who have given promises of turning out well is a proof of the merit of the coaching given by the Rowing Captain (Mr W. O. Kohler), assisted by other gentlemen. It was for the purpose of picking the best available crew to put in the lists against Canton that the forthcoming scratch race was organised by Mr Kohler, who selected the crew H. Laine. When first picked there was little to choose between the crews, but as each man does not get the same opportunities for training there may be considerable difference in the form shown in the race. After the scratch race the crews for Canton will be selected in due time, and the crews are already practically decided upon, but they will not be made public until next month.

The Yacht Club will enter crews for all events open to them at Canton, though in the Single Sculling there will be without a representative.

The crews for the scratch races are: No. 1.—A. Turner, Feake, F. R. Orlepp, A. Borlingier and Coxswain. No. 2.—B. Mele, Schoenemann, T. Hanon and P. Murray (Cox. T. Clarke). No. 3.—J. A. J. Darby, H. Schierberg, E. Liders and F. E. Bids (Cox. G. A. Caldwell). No. 4.—A. Turner, Feake, F. R. Orlepp, A. Borlingier and Coxswain. No. 5.—G. Ahrends, H. Vickers, W. O. Kohler and H. W. Lester (Cox. H. W. Kennett). No. 6.—F. Austin, W. Wedekind, A. Cruickshank, W. Stewart (Cox. F. O. Barlow).

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OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

The Kowloon Extension.

(From Our Correspondent.)

In a growing Colony like Hongkong, to keep up in the front rank of advancement, one needs, as Uncle Jonathan would say, to "get a hustle on," and the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, under the management of Mr W. L. Carter, have, by the extension of their lines to the Kowloon Peninsula, "got a hustle on" with commendable celerity. For some time past, the want of public telephonic communication between the mainland and Victoria has been keenly felt, and the announcement that the want had been removed was welcomed on all sides. In our advertising columns will be found a notification including the names and numbers of the present subscribers on the Kowloon side, but although they are few the existing lines on the Peninsula are capable of coping with an increase of 60 per cent. The Company's manager by his long-sighted policy has shown his wisdom; there can be no doubt that Kowloon will grow and with its growth the scope of the telephone must expand also.

The junction line from Hongkong to the Kowloon exchange in Canton road (about 4½ miles long) is entirely underground on the Kowloon side and will shortly be placed underground on the Hongkong side. When this is completed the service from Hongkong to the Peninsula will be entirely independent of typhoons or other atmospheric disturbances. On the Kowloon side most of the wires are underground; they run from the Kowloon Docks to Hung Hom, round the bay to the exchange; from the exchange to Mongkok, through Station Street, Yau-mai; and down to the godowns from the exchange; in fact, most of the Peninsula is pretty well covered with the underground cables. For subscribers in the vicinity of the exchange these underground cables will not be necessary, as wires will be run, via the shortest route, to the subscribers' premises. The underground cables consist of twenty-six pairs of wires, which are brought up at the distributing poles. From these poles, which are fitted with the latest type of lightning arresters, the wires run to the houses in which telephones are installed. The longest length of line is from the exchange to Lai-chikok, about six miles.

The Hongkong service is now undergoing almost total reconstruction, and all the wires will be put underground where possible. This will give a much better service and will increase the volume of sound.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, September 25.

It is reported that foreign offers have frequently been made to the Waiwapa for the construction of the whole line from Kowloon to Canton with foreign capital, but that Viceroy Shun Chun Han has disapproved of the acceptance of the offers. From official circles it is reported that recently both the Waiwapa and the Shantung were in telegraphic communication with Viceroy Shun respecting the line and that yesterday Viceroy Shun wiled his views to Peking.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The largest liner, "Kaiserin Augusta Victoria," a sister ship to the "American," now building in England, was launched last month at Stettin. The Emperor William II. and the Empress Augusta Victoria were present at the launching.

AUSTRALIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

One effect of the Chinese boycott of American goods is (says a Sydney paper) the attention being given to Australian produce. During the past few weeks Chinese merchants in New South Wales and Victoria have been placing large orders for flour for shipment to Hongkong. There are, however, difficulties in the way of immediate fulfilment of these orders, owing to the fact that most of the flour is put up in 25 lb bags.

What the Chinese merchants require is that it should be put up in 50 lb. sacks, and in order to comply with this demand millers have to manufacture fresh supplies, as it would not pay to re-bag supplies already on hand. The merchants see in this delay a possibility of losing the market, as there is no knowing how long the boycott will last, and there is also the possibility of other countries getting in first. The Chinese merchants say if there is a possibility of merchants giving a guarantee that the standard bag could be furnished without delay they would purchase largely.

Both Melbourne and Sydney Chinese have already shipped large quantities of flour to Hongkong, and other shipments are now being arranged for. That this demand is having an effect on the price of flour in the local market is shown by the fact that one Chinese merchant who purchased a quantity of flour for shipment on Friday and was bound to secure another 50 tons on the following Monday, when the seller demanded 25 per cent more. The Young Co-operative Flour Mills is also busily engaged in fulfilling orders for shipment to Hongkong, and at present are unable to accept further orders.

Chinese merchants are also making inquiries with a view to making a trial shipment of frozen rabbits to China, and last week when a number of them visited Young in connection with the anti-opium crusade they took the opportunity of inspecting the Burrumbidgee Quilling Works and were shown over the premises by the manager, Mr Henderson, and received a lot of valuable information, which they believe will be of service in making the necessary arrangements for a trial shipment.

The Chinese merchants point out that the present season is Australia's opportunity, but whatever is done will have to be done as quickly as possible other countries will get in first.

LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, August 23.

We all feel kindly disposed towards Germany and especially towards our King's eminent nephew, but the tortuosities of German politics in the Morocco question make it increasingly difficult to withstand a certain strain on our sympathy. We have, for months past, been going out of our way to show ourselves friendly to France, (no doubt, of course, for some treacherous little purpose of our own, *vide* the Continental press, *passim*) and Germany distinctly does not like it. Our public press, not merely the half-penny reptiles, have been continuously girding at Germany. This week's *Punch* contains an admirably drawn and intensely offensive cartoon representing the Kaiser as the devil (Matthew XIII, 25, 29) sowing the tares of the Tattenbach loan to Morocco. I am quite aware that many insignificant German newspapers attack England violently, but that gives no excuse. *Punch* is not a petty German print, and has an international reputation that it should not abuse or insult a friendly and kindred sovereign. The worst of the situation is that *Punch* does not stand alone. The *Times* is hostile to Germany, the *National Review* is rabid, and the general tone of the British press is a real danger when we recollect that Germany newspapers are strongly influenced by official opinion, and their readers may well believe that the same thing is true here. It is quite possible that a war with Germany would be popular in England, *if it began*, but responsible journals which irritate international prejudices are accepting too lightly a grievous responsibility.

There is, if I remember rightly, a statue of Queen Alexandra at the Royal College of Music in South Kensington, but nowhere else has her Majesty's effigy been set up in bronze or marble so that Hongkong, the first colony acquired in Queen Victoria's reign, deserves the credit of being the first to perpetuate her royal semblance, *tan carum caput*. For many years the birds of Hongkong had, no one but Sir Arthur Kennedy to perch upon, but eight years ago Queen Victoria emerged from the godowns, where she had lain no one knows how long, and now with the addition of the Duke of Connaught, the King and Queen, the island will soon have a creditable show of sculpture.

The King has entertained Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to lunch. It is quite safe to say that this is of no political significance. Both happen to be at Marienbad, fifty miles N.W. of Pilsen, from which the beer ought to come, but it generally doesn't. The King's annual pilgrimage has given a strong stimulus to the society craze for cures. Everybody overcasts himself for ten months and then goes to Bohemia or elsewhere for two months to walk three miles a day and quaff daily half a gallon of evil tasting water. The population of a little place like Marienbad swells from 2000 to 20,000, mostly millionaires, and then society goes home to overeat itself again.

The cares of state pursued His Majesty even to the Bolmer Wald. Last week he had to accept the resignation of Lord Curzon. The late Viceroy and Lord Kitchener were far too much alike to agree well. Both are young men, as statesmen reckon to-day—Kitchener is 55 and Curzon only 46, and each has the character that India requires, prompt decision and dogged resolution. The Cabinet decided in favour of the soldier, and the Viceroy promptly refused to take part in any re-arrangement of offices that diminished his own influence. I wonder that he remained in office as long as he did. After the treatment he received over the Younghusband treaty of Lhasa, it became evident that he must soon resign strongly the Brodick regime. His resignation was bound to come, but it seems a pity that it finally occurred on a comparatively minor point, and before the Royal visit, which he would have made as magnificent an affair as the coronation ceremonies.

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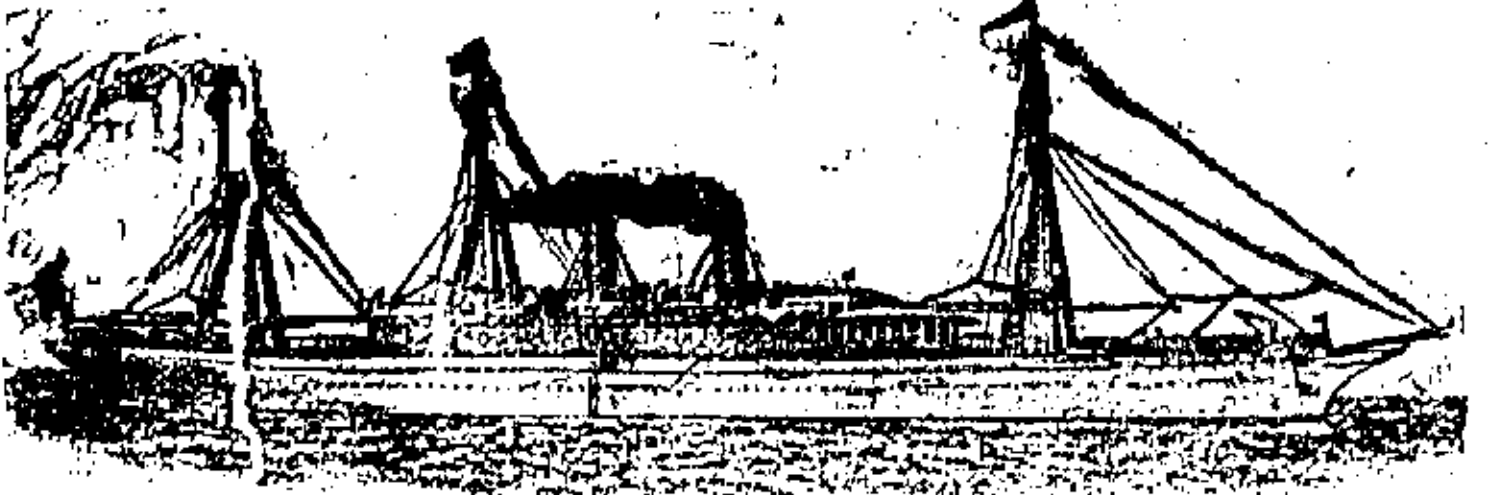
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EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST
AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

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OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	28th September.
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HOMEWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, ALGECIRS	7th October.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, AGAMEMNON	15th October.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, DIOMEDE	24th October.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, MAGUAON	7th November.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, CHINGWEE	20th November.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, KINTUCK	21st November.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL
OVERLAND COMMON PORTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND CANADA.

EASTWARD.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST	2nd October.
PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	1st November.

WESTWARD.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA, KREMUS, and PACIFIC COAST	24th October.
AND PACIFIC COAST	3rd November.

Hongkong, September 26, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CHEFOO & NEWCHANG	28th September.
CEBU & LOILO	30th September.
SWATOW, TSINGTAU, WEI-HAI-WEI	1st October.
CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN	1st October.
MANILA	3rd October.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COCOTON, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	18th October.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unvalued Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.
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N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and Australasian Ports.
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Hongkong, September 26, 1905.

HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon and Cabin—Surgeon and Stewards carried—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Dates
RUBI	2540	A. H. Notley	Manila	Sept. 30, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Oct. 7, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 25, 1905.

HONGKONG—NEW YORK.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST.)
TO SAIL.
S.S. ALSTON.....About 20th October.
For Freight and further information, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1905.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)
THE Steamship SENECA, Captain CHIN, will be dispatched as above on FRIDAY, the 29th September.
For Freight, or other information, apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
Original Freight Department,
(Hotel Mansion, 2nd Floor).
HONGKONG, September 25, 1905.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
STEAMERS TO SAIL. 1905.
SATSUMA.....About Oct. 3.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO. To follow.
WREY CASTLE.....To follow.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
HONGKONG, September 20, 1905.

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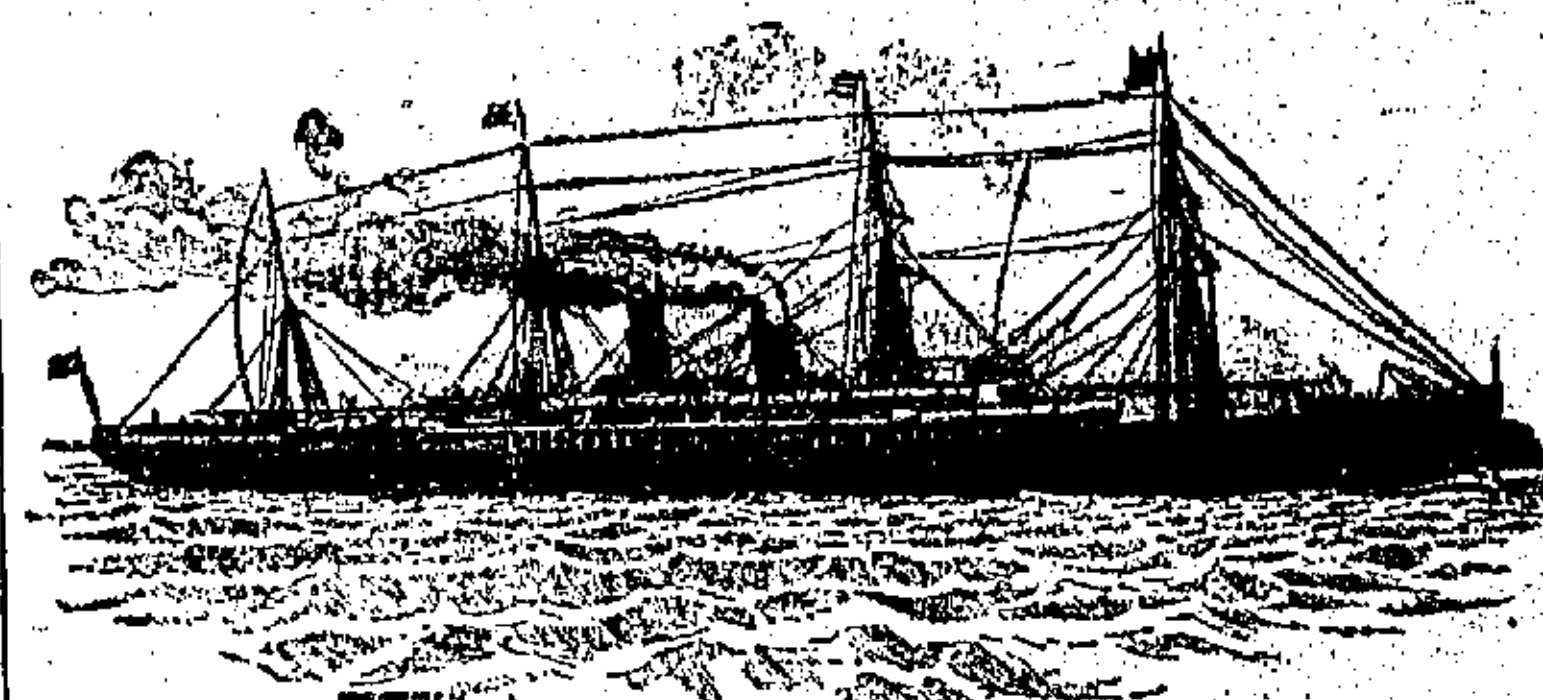
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TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.



Only line taking the warm SOUTHERN ROUTE across the PACIFIC, via HONOLULU on OAHU, on the most fertile and beautiful island of the PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS	Gross Tons	MONDAY	2nd Oct. at Noon.
SIBERIA	11,224	FRIDAY	6th Oct. at Noon.
MONOOLIA	13,630	TUESDAY	17th Oct. at Noon.
CHINA	5,660	TUESDAY	31st Oct. at Noon.
DORIC	4,784	TUESDAY	7th Nov. at Noon.
MANOCHUA	13,630	FRIDAY	21st Nov. at Noon.
KOREA	11,224	TUESDAY	1st Dec. at Noon.
COPTIC	4,784	FRIDAY	7th Dec. at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	6,000	THURSDAY	7th Dec. at Noon.

RECORD FAST TRIPS.

Yokohama to San Francisco.....S.S. KOREA, 11,276 tons. October 11th-22nd 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.
San Francisco to Hongkong.....S.S. SIBERIA, 11,224 tons. August 16th-20th, 1905; 4 days, 19 hours.
San Francisco to Yokohama.....S.S. SIBERIA, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu en-route, August 16th-31st, 1905, 13 days, 13 hours.

THE P. M. Steamship SIBERIA will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, (INLAND SEA) AND YOKOHAMA, on MONDAY, the 2nd October, at Noon, taking freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any port en route.
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway to Havre, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.
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Intimations.

MIYAKO HOTEL,
KYOTO, JAPAN.A NEW AND STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.
December 6, 1904.OSAKA HOTEL,
NAKANOSKIMA PARK,
OSAKA, JAPAN.

(TELEPHONE: No. 713, HIGASHI).

THIS HOTEL, which faces the River on Three Sides, is the only one in OSAKA Catering for Foreigners.

ALL UP-TO-DATE COMFORTS AND EXCELLENT CUISINE.
R. EARI, Manager.

December 5, 1904.

CHAMPAGNE.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN

RHEIMS.

Maison fondée en 1788. WERLE & Cie., Succrs.

ENGLAND DRY SEC, ENGLAND SEC, DRY ENGLAND, (EXTRA DRY).

\$48 per case of 12/1 or 24/2 bottles.

When asking for 'CLICQUOT', that is to say, for the genuine 'JA VEUVE CLICQUOT', the public are cautioned against accepting other brands with closely resembling names and labels.

APPLY TO—

CHINA EXPORT-IMPORT & BANK-CIE.

SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

2, CONNAUGHT ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, May 9, 1905.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Co.'s Steamship *Palnathia*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., TO-DAY, the 22nd Inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

This Vessel brings on Cargo ex *Zibangha* and *Zamania* from Madras and Pondicherry.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1905. 1797

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER CALEDONIAN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON or S. Africa, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Luxuries, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on vessels infrequently received from the C. signees before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 28th September, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 23rd September, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on THURSDAY, the 28th September, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE OMA MEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, September 21, 1905. 1792

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER CHUSAN.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings Cargo:—From LONDON, ex s.s. *Britannia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. *B. I. S. N.* and *B. and P. S. N. Co.*'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4.30 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and the Co.'s representatives must be appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 21, 1905. 1790

Insurances.

FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE CO. OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

STATEMENT TO 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

ASSETS, GOLD, \$5,258,820.37
NET SURPLUS, GOLD, \$2,115,118.80
INCOME, GOLD, \$3,470,787.53

FIRE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Fire Risks at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Hongkong, March 23, 1904. 162

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON.

INCORPORATED A.D. 1861.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept Risks at Current Rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO., Hongkong, April 23, 1904. 1413

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUND as at 31st DECEMBER, 1904, £17,161,295 19

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000
—Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
—Paid-up Capital £2,837,500 0 0—Fire Fund £3,001,286 12 9
—Life & Annuity Funds £13,472,532 7 0

Revenue Fire Branch, £3,066,713 1 8

Life & Annuity Branch, £1,632,216 3 4

£3,698,929 5 0

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and Life Departments are free from liability in respect of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 29, 1905. 1537

MARTIN'S APOLLO STEEL PILLS

A French Remedy for all Urinary Troubles. It is the most powerful and reliable of all the drugs used in the treatment of the system. It is the only one that does not injure the system. It is the only one that does not cause constipation. It is the only one that does not cause headache. It is the only one that does not cause dizziness. It is the only one that does not cause weakness. It is the only one that does not cause loss of appetite. It is the only one that does not cause loss of sleep. It is the only one that does not cause loss of vitality. It is the only one that does not cause loss of strength. It is the only one that does not cause loss of energy. It is the only one that does not cause loss of power. It is the only one that does not cause loss of endurance. It is the only one that does not cause loss of resistance. It is the only one that does not cause loss of immunity. It is the only one that does not cause loss of health. It is the only one that does not cause loss of life.

NIPPON LAUNDRY.

No. 62 and 63, PRAYA EAST.

ALL Work done in this Establishment is promptly executed. Neatness a Specialty. Ironing and Washing done by experienced Japanese. Prices Moderate.

G. MONTY, Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 13, 1905. 308

SING ON & CO., 55 & 57, HING LOONG STREET (First Street, West of Central Market).

IRON, STEEL, METAL AND HARDWARE MERCHANTS.

Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers, and General Storekeepers, and Commission Agents.

Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 2246

MRS. OHNUNG, HIGH-CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER.

Developing and Printing for Amateur Enthusiasts. A Special Feature.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY.

Hongkong, September 21, 1905. 1790

ROYAL TOUR TO INDIA.

Details as to the preparations to fit out the battleship "Renown" for the journey of the Prince and Princess of Wales to India, are given in the *Express*.

She will not leave Portsmouth until Oct. 8, when she proceeds to Genoa to embark the Prince and Princess and their suite. The royal servants will embark at Portsmouth.

A large number of workmen are preparing the after part of the ship for the accommodation of the Prince and Princess. All the officers have had to give up their cabins to the suite and the royal servants. Additional cabins are also being constructed, and in the case of the smaller ones two are being thrown into one.

The 6-inch guns have all been landed, and only enough of the smaller guns for saluting purposes have been left on board. The casemates thus vacated are being turned into very commodious cabins for the officers. The admiral's apartments on the main deck will be the Prince and Princess's drawing and dining-rooms, and there is a stern walk opening out from the former. Just forward are the Prince of Wales's sleeping cabins, with his valet's room. The suite have been accommodated on this deck.

A set of rooms on the starboard side of the upper deck is being prepared for the Princess of Wales's exclusive use. They will include her boudoir and sleeping-apartments. Bath rooms for the Prince and Princess and suite are also being fitted up.

FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

In their freight circular, dated September 23, Messrs. Imrie and Rogge state:—The freight market has not undergone any material change during the past fortnight. There is a little more enquiry for tonnage in the direction Saigon/Philippines, but in other directions the market has not improved. There is ample tonnage in the market, and prospects for the near future are anything but promising. Here and particularly up North several steamers are laid up, and more will have to follow shortly unless our market takes an unexpected turn to the better. There is again enquiry for tonnage to Valdivia/stock but as the Japanese will not allow any steamers to enter that port before peace has been ratified, it is not surprising that no tonnage can be found for this business.

Saigon/Hongkong, no charters have been effected in this direction. Rice prices in Saigon have weakened again after the urgent demands for prompt paddy had been satisfied, but present quotations are still considered too high here in Hongkong.

Saigon/Philippines, quite unexpectedly more demand for tonnage has made itself felt during the last few days and consequently rates have stiffened a little. From 25 cents rates went up to 28 cents, and further tonnage could be placed at this. This is however only for end of this of early next month loading and only for small steamers of about 27/28,000 piculs.

Saigon/Japan, another Indo-China steamer was closed, ratio not transpired, but it seems as if there is no further demand for tonnage in this direction. A steamer was also closed Saigon/Niigata but ratio was not disclosed.

Saigon/Java, this remains a dead letter. Java/Hongkong, a steamer was closed to load 1, 2, 3 or 4 ports N. C. Java at 22 cents and further tonnage could be placed at about same rate. Tonnage is still wanted for Java/Japan, at about 11/6 per ton. A steamer has been offered at 12/6 without even raising a counteroffer.

There is no demand for tonnage to the direction Bangkok/Hongkong.

A little more cargo is in the market hence to Japan and liners are at present looking at 13 to 14 cents, ratio however is not tempting enough for outsiders.

Coal/Freights—A few steamers have been fixed at \$1.35 for Moji/Hongkong and further tonnage could be placed at this. To Singapore a large carrier might be placed at \$1.50 but no tonnage is to be had at this.

On time we have only to report the extension of s.s. "Aparado's" charter for 3 months, the rate has not transpired.

Disengaged—German bark "Ecuador", 2,193 tons. British bark "Andromeda", 1,762 tons. British ship "Combermeu", 1,800 tons. British ship "Eclipse", 2,689 tons.

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